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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/616,718
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Group Art Unit	1614
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2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 a. 🗍 Previously submitted Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ECENTER 180" (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered). ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. ☐ Other Enclosed b. Amendment/Reply i. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Other Petition for Two-Month Extension of Time Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for ___months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 3. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-0733 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) ii. Other Check in the amount of \$ ___ enclosed Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed) SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED 34,628 Name (Print /Type) Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) n P. Iwanicki April 17, 2003 Signature Date CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION

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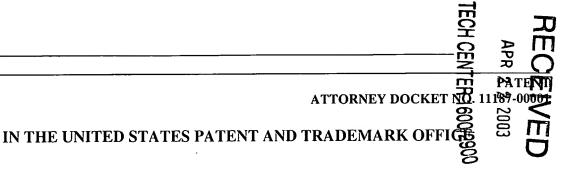
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action dated November 20, 2002 (Paper No. 11).

Applicants are also filing concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination.